

Assessment & Accountability Monthly Webinar

September 12, 2018

ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

These are the questions posed during the webinar and the correlating response. For more complete information, please review the posted PowerPoint and the recorded webinar.

IRI: If a student tested in August at his/her previous school but the current school is testing everyone in September, do we re-test? The benchmarks are different, yes?

You will only test a student once. The first score he/she received will be the score that will be captured by the state automatically. The benchmarks are different between August and September. If a student tested in August make sure to use that benchmark score and if a student tests in September use that benchmark score.

IRI: Will a student show growth if they top out at 3.1 on the growth report?

Yes, a student can still show growth even if the student tops out on the Instructional Tier Goals. Please refer to the Percentile Rank (under the Toolbox) and Lexile Score Report to help measure students. The Grade Level Equivalency (3.11) is based on the [Instructional Tier Goals](#) table. It caps out at end of year, 3rd grade because that's where the norming sample stopped.

IRI: How do we know if an extended resource room student or EL newcomer should test or not? Are there exception rules?

The direction from the SDE (Assessment & SPED departments) is to assess as many students as possible, when appropriate. If a student can't possibly respond with assistance of directions, one-to-one or other accommodations, the previously used measure can be used. **Please note:** these "other assessments" (such as Core Phonics) will not be counted toward the Literacy Intervention Funds or be captured at the state level. While there is an exception for L1 students in the ELA ISAT test, this does not apply to the IRI.

PSAT: Do you have a list of school districts that are administering the PSAT on October 24?

For a list of October 24 Alternate PSAT Test Date participants, email [Melanie Jones](#).

IRI: How you can find out if they tested in another district as new students move in this month?

Make sure to add/remove students (under the Classroom Tab found on the secure Istation website) into the program when they have been transferred in or left the district. After they

are incorporated into your roster, you can use the Assessment Completion report to view your students. You could also view the information by Exporting Details and viewing the Excel or CSV file. The column G is where the “N” or “Y” will be located. If it states “N,” test the student. If it states “Y,” you do not need to test the student.

IRI: Are we allowed to give an on-demand assessment before the fall window closes? Example: If we tested a student the first week of September could we give an on-demand assessment the last week in an area we have been providing intervention in or should we wait until October 1?

Yes, you can give an on-demand assessment during the testing window. The state captures the first test a student takes between the testing window of August 20 and September 28 as the fall IRI.

What else is due Oct 1 beside the CLP?

The Comprehensive Literacy Plan is due to the State Board of Education. For more information you can contact [Allison Henken](#) at 208-332-1579. The other plan that is due on October 1 to the SBOE is the Continuous Improvement Plan.

IRI: Are the IRI scores pulled from a district, a building/school? Our district planned testing for September, but some teachers had students get into the system in August. Will the August scores be counted as IRI scores or will the September scores be counted? This was only at one building in the district.

IRI scores are pulled per school, then district. If the students tested in-between the fall testing window of August 20-September 28, those scores will be used as the fall score. If an impropriety takes place during the testing window, and the first test for the student, the district needs to enter an incident into the Test Incident Log. This application can be found under the Assessment and Accountability page under the Resource Page, portals. Please use the Test Administration Manual for more instructions.

IRI: Is there a way to turn off the timer within Istation?

Yes, after the fall and spring IRI tests you can turn off the timing by going to the Classroom Tab on the secure Istation website. Click “classroom information” and a list of students will appear. Click on the short stack icon so you can edit the profile. Scroll to the bottom to “other customizations” and use the drop down for timing. Make sure to enter “update the profile.” We are asking districts to have the timing turned on while students are testing in the fall and spring testing window.

Alt Assessments: Will the release of the optional form be sent out to SPED directors and/or posted on the portal?

Yes, it will be posted on the portal and sent to SPED Directors.